Statement

Revenue mobilization in North-Eastern States

Revenue mobilization by North-Eastern States and Central Budgetary Allocation given by Ministry of Finance for 2001-02.

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	States	2001-02(RE) Revenue Mobilisation	2001-02(RE) Central Budgetary Allocation
1	2	3	4
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	116.53	1051.31
2.	Assam	2127.65	4081.27
3.	Manipur	97.03	1276.79
4.	Meghalaya	245.90	963.99
5.	Mizoram	60.46	933.80
6.	Nagaland	100.80	1288.40
7.	Sikkim	323.89	605.02
8.	Tripura	232.74	1578.59

Waiting list for SC/ST officers of Indian Economic Service

4092. SHRI ANIL SHARMA : Will the Minister OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the number of SAG level SC/ST officers of Indian Economic Service are placed under compulsory waiting list since June, 2001;

(b) if so, whether they are in receipt of salary and perks without doing any work for the last 20 months; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for keeping them on waiting list for so long?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL) : (a) to (c) In

implementation of the order of Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), Principal Bench, New Delhi, dated 7-1-1999, in O.A. No. 1206/93 and 1288/93—Shri Nagesh Singh and Dr. A.K. Belwal *Vs.* Union of India and others, three IES Officers belonging to SC/ST category were reverted from Senior Administrative Grade (SAG) with effect from 21-6-2001. Further, in compliance with the CAT order, the financial benefits given to them while working in the higher posts were not withdrawn and were protected as personal to them. The Hon'ble High Court, Delhi, however, stayed their reversion vide order dated 4-9-2001. Accordingly, in consultation with Department of Personnel & Training, all the three officers were placed on compulsory wait with effect from 21-6-2001 till a decision in the matter was available from the High Court, Delhi.

The Hon'ble High Court, Delhi vide its order dated 14-8-2002 has now remanded the case to the CAT to review its decision dated 7-1-1999, and the matter is currently sub-judice.

Economic Growth Rate

†4093. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT : Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that economic growth has slipped to 2.6 per cent during October-December, 2002;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what has been the rate of economic growth during January-March, 2003 and steps being taken to improve the rate of economic growth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND RAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) to (c) As per the latest quarterly estimates of national income released by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO), the growth of real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at factor cost is estimated at 2.6 per cent during the third quarter (October-December) compared with 5.8 per cent in the second quarter of 2002-03. The lower growth rate during the third quarter of 2002-03 is mainly on account of an estimated negative growth rate of 7.9 per cent in the GDP from 'agriculture, forestry and fishing' sector due to the drought. The CSO has not, so far, released the estimates of GDP for the fourth quarter (January-March) of 2002-03.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.